

# DON'T GO ON BEING AFRAID

Midweek Advent Worship • Calvary Lutheran Church

A Member Congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession

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## Opening Prayer

**Opening Hymn** (Bulletin Back)

**Invocation** (Pastor)

## **Confession of Sins/Absolution**

**Pastor:** “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us...If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.” (1 John 1:8,10, NKJV)

**Congregation:** It is written: “He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.” (Proverbs 28:13, NKJV)

**All:** “I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” (Psalm 32:5)

**P:** It is also written: “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9, NKJV)

**C:** “If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared.” (Psalm 130:3-4, NKJV)

**All:** “‘Comfort, yes, comfort My people!’ says your God. That her warfare is ended, That her iniquity is pardoned; for she has received from the LORD’s hand double for all her sins.” (Isaiah 40:1-2, NKJV)

**All** (Sung, TLH 61:1-2)

**Comfort, comfort, ye My people, Speak ye peace, thus saith our God; Comfort those who sit in darkness, Mourning 'neath their sorrows' load. Speak ye to Jerusalem Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her sins I cover And her warfare now is over.**

**Yea, her sins our God will pardon, Blotting out each dark misdeed; All that well deserved His anger He no more will see or heed. She hath suffered many a day, Now her griefs have passed away; God will change her pining sadness Into ever-springing gladness.**

**P:** “He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins...For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him...having made peace through the blood of His cross...to present you holy, blameless, and above reproach in His sight.” (Colossians 1:13-14, 19-20,22b, NKJV)

**Responsive Psalm** (Insert)

**Scripture Lesson** (Bulletin Back)

## **An Advent Creed**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, who had mercy on fallen humankind already in Eden by promising the Seed of the Woman.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, who is the Seed of the Woman and also God’s only Son, my Lord, the long-promised Messiah, who came as foretold, after being conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, He lived a sinless life as my substitute and the suffered and died for my sins. He arose from death the third day after announcing His victory to Satan and the condemned in hell. He ascended into heaven and will one day return to judge the living and the dead. On that day, I will be raised from death and glorified. I will go with Him to Eternal Life apart from sin.**

**I believe in the Spirit of God, who has made me wise for salvation by working faith in Jesus in my heart through the Holy Scriptures. He continues to work in my heart so that I rejoice in my Savior Jesus and live in a way that glorifies Him. All that I am and have I owe to this gracious and Triune God. Amen.**

**Hymn** (Bulletin Back)

## **Don't Go On Being Afraid!**

(Scripture Printed on Bulletin Back)

## **The Offerings of Thankful Hearts/Prayers**

**Hymn** (Bulletin Back)

**Unison Prayer** (Spoken)

**Into Your hands I place my soul, for You have redeemed me, called me as Your own, sealed me with Your grace, trained me for work in Your kingdom; now, O Lord, I rest this night beneath Your care and protection, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. Amen.**

**Closing Blessing** (Pastor)

**Closing Hymn** (TLH 653:2,4-5)

**Jesus, Savior, wash away All that has been wrong today;  
Help me every day to be Good and gentle, more like Thee.**

**Now my evening praise I give; Thou didst die that I might live.  
All my blessings come from Thee; Oh, how good Thou art to me!**

**Thou, my best and kindest Friend, Thou wilt love me to the end.  
Let me love Thee more and more, Always better than before. Amen.**

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Midweek Advent Worship • November 30<sup>th</sup>, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> 2022

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## Wednesday November 30, 2022

**Hymns:** 77:1-5 77:6-10 77:11-13 • **Scripture Reading/Psalm:** Malachi 4:1-6 • Psalm 66

**Luke 1:13-17** - <sup>13</sup> But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. <sup>14</sup> And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, <sup>15</sup> for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. <sup>16</sup> And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, <sup>17</sup> and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared." (ESV)

## Wednesday December 7, 2022

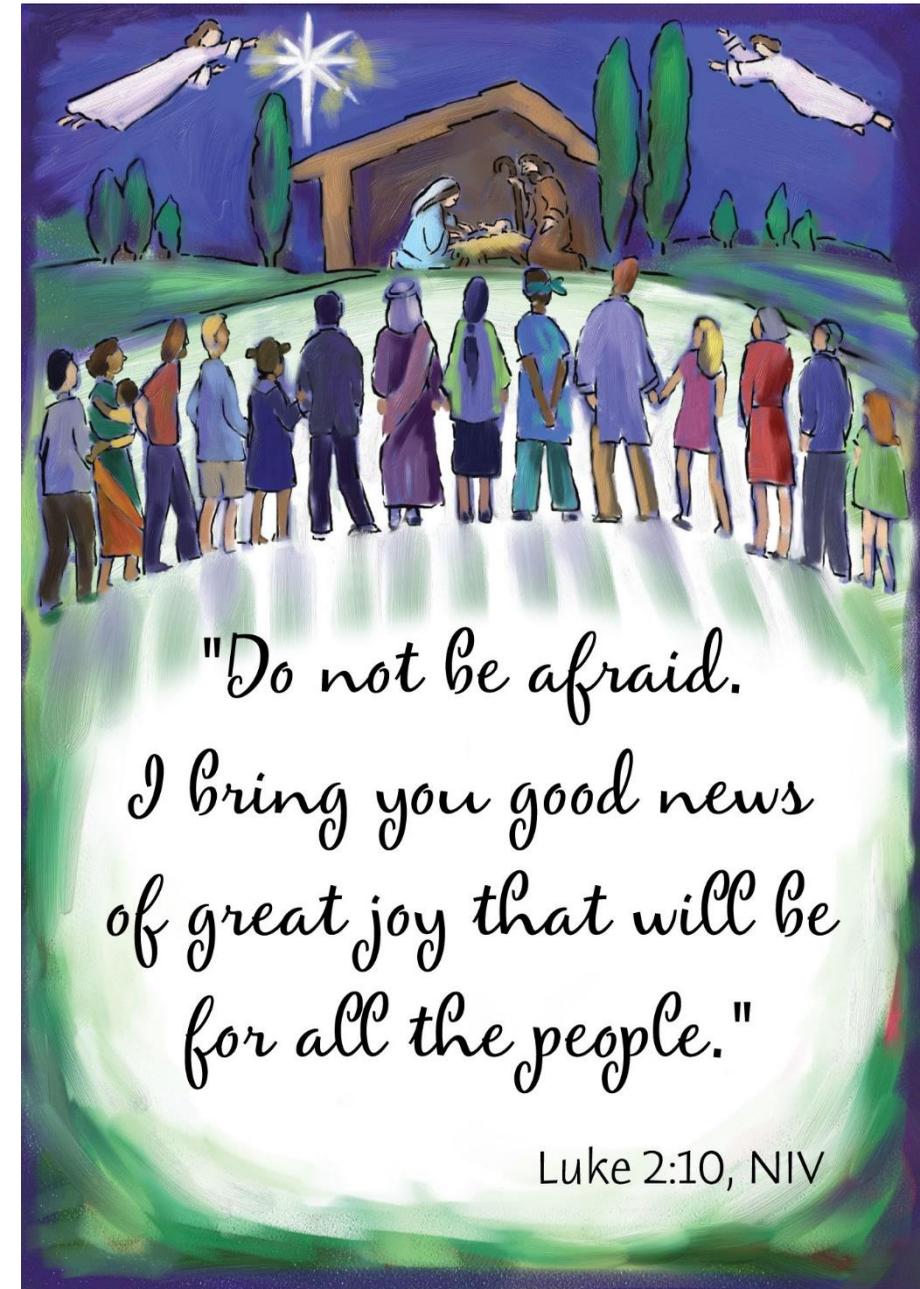
**Hymns:** 85:1-4 85:5-9 85:13-15 • **Scripture Reading/Psalm:** 2 Samuel 7:12-29 • Psalm 132

**Luke 1:26-38** - <sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup> But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup> And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup> And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup> And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her. (ESV)

## Wednesday December 14, 2022

**Hymns:** 90:1-5 90:6-8 95 • **Scripture Reading/Psalm:** Isaiah 49:1-7 • Psalm 67

**Luke 2:10-11** - <sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. (ESV)



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## The Responsive Reading of Psalm 66 (ESV)

Pastor: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

Congregation: sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

P: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

**C: So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.**

P: All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;

**C: they sing praises to your name."**

P: Come and see what God has done:

**C: He is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.**

P: He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot.

**C: There did we rejoice in him, who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations— let not the rebellious exalt themselves.**

P: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,

**C: who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.**

P: For you, O God, have tested us;

**C: you have tried us as silver is tried.**

P: You brought us into the net; you laid a crushing burden on our backs;

**C: you let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.**

P: I will come into your house with burnt offerings;

**C: I will perform my vows to you, that which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.**

P: I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;

**C: I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**

P: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

**C: I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue.**

P: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

**C: But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.**

P: Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer

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**Congregation:** all the hardships he endured, how he swore to the LORD and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,

P: "I will not enter my house or get into my bed, I will not give sleep to my eyes

**C: or slumber to my eyelids, until I find a place for the LORD, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."**

P: Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah; we found it in the fields of Jaar.

**C: "Let us go to his dwelling place; let us worship at his footstool!"**

P: Arise, O LORD, and go to your resting place, you and the ark of your might.

**C: Let your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let your saints shout for joy.**

P: For the sake of your servant David,

**C: do not turn away the face of your anointed one.**

P: The LORD swore to David a sure oath from which he will not turn back:

**C: "One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne.**

P: If your sons keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them,

**C: their sons also forever shall sit on your throne."**

P: For the LORD has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his dwelling place:

**C: "This is my resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it.**

P: I will abundantly bless her provisions; I will satisfy her poor with bread.

**C: Her priests I will clothe with salvation, and her saints will shout for joy.**

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**C: I have prepared a lamp for my anointed.**

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**C: and make his face to shine upon us,**

P: that your way may be known on earth,

**C: your saving power among all nations.**

P: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

**C: let all the peoples praise you!**

P: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

**C: for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

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